GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:903
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2001
TERRORIST VIOLENCE
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment about the latest rising wave of violence by terrorists in J&K and North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the total loss of human lives, property and public installations, particularly security camps, during 2000 and 2001, till date State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to bring the terrorists into the mainstream; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.903 FOR ANSWE 27.2.2001.

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government is fully alive to the security situation and, regularly reviews the security scenario in both Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States, including at the highest levels.

(b): The loss of human lives, in militancy/terrorist related incidents of violence in Jammu and Kashmir and Northern Eastern States are as Below:

S. No.	Name of the State	Security Forces Killed in 2000	Security Forces Killed till Feb. 14,2001+	Civilians Killed in 2000	Civilians Killed till Feb. 14,2001+	Militants/Extremists Killed in 2000	Militants/Extremists Killed till Feb.
1.	J&K +	482	58	762	124	1520	132
2.	Assam	76	11	419	51	321	43
3.	Nagaland	4		13	2	84	6
4.	Manipur	51	3	93	5	102	14
5.	Tripura	17	1	360	40	38	3
6.	Meghalaya	7		4	7	15	3
7	Mizoram	7		4		1	
8.	Arunachal Pradesh	3		7	3	24	
	TOTAL	647	77	1665	225	2105	201

+ (the figures of Jammu and Kashmir for 2001 are till 14 Feb. 2001)

(c)& (d): The Union Government in conjunction with the State Governments in continuing with its multi-pronged strategy to curb terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States, which includes not only appropriately tackling terrorism but also taking steps to accelerate economic development and redress the genuine grievances of the people.

The Government has also made known that it wants to talk to any militant group in the North East which eschews violence and comes forward for talks within the four corners of the Indian constitution. The NSCN(IM) and the BLT have come forward for talks and a ceasefire/suspension of operation is presently operative against these two groups.

As part of its efforts to normalize the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has instructed the security forces not to initiate combat operations against militants in Jammu and Kashmir during the most pious month of Ramzan which has further been extended till the end of May, 2001. This is commensurate with the people`s yearning for peace in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.Government has also reiterated its willingness to talk to all peoples and groups in Jammu and Kashmir who abjure the path of violence.